

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	George F. Kick et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/728,728
Filed	:	December 5, 2003
For	:	EXPANDABLE PERCUTANEOUS SHEATH
Examiner	:	Glenn K. Dawson
Group Art Unit	:	3731

**AMENDMENT****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 13, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.